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Senior Staff Meeting Agenda
Monday, 15 June, 1030

1. DCI

Tribute to General Truscott (This will be General Truscott's last Senior Staff Meeting and I thought you might like to say a few words in tribute. He will probably respond.)

2. DD/Intelligence

World Trouble Spots 5 minutes

3. DD/Support

Status of Agency Building 1 minute

4. Inspector General

Report on Visit of French Veterans 2 minutes

5. Comptroller

Analysis of the Cost-Based Budget 15 minutes

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(Messrs. Saunders, [] will make a brief presentation describing the new budget system which will be based on cost rather than obligations. It is important that all of the Senior Staff understand this as it may cause considerable confusion otherwise.)

6. General Counsel

The Kochan Case 3 minutes

(Mr. Houston will give a brief comment on the ruling in the Federal District Court upholding the DCI's right to terminate.)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senior Staff Meeting of 15 June 1959

1. Mr. Dulles opened the Senior Staff Meeting with the announcement that General Truscott was retiring at the end of the month. He paid tribute to the distinguished service rendered by General Truscott while he was with the Agency. General Truscott made a few remarks, stating that he thoroughly enjoyed his tour of duty with the Agency, and recommended that the fine work be continued. Mr. Dulles asked General Truscott to make a transcript of his remarks and that they be sent to the field for information.

2. Mr. Amory reported on the various trouble spots throughout the world and advised that since the Berlin problem was getting nowhere, an adjournment of the conference in Geneva for six weeks could be expected momentarily. Mr. Amory also reported on the DeGaulle situation as well as the situation in Iraq, Cuba and Japan-Korea.

3. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that plans had been established to bring some 45 members of the World War II French resistance leaders, commonly known as the VSS, to New York and Washington at the end of this month. The group is expected to be in Washington on 25-26 June. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that this visit was good public relations with the French on our part.

4. Mr. Houston made a few comments about the Case in which the Director's authority to terminate the employment of an individual was tested. In this case, the authority of the DCI to terminate the individual's services was clearly discretionary. Mr. Dulles made the comment that he intended to proceed with caution in the use of this authority.

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5. Col. White stated that Friday, 3 July, would be considered as a Sunday-type holiday in which compensatory time would be given for anyone on duty. This holiday is the result of an executive order put out by the White House and Col. White advised that an Agency notice on this matter would be published very shortly. Col. White also stated that the completion of the excavation work at the new building site would be delayed two more weeks and that the beginning of the construction of the building would be approximately two months behind schedule.

6. Mr. Saunders gave a few preliminary remarks on the financial management improvement system which is to be installed in the Agency as a result of Public Law 863.

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7. [] reported on the financial improvement system advising that by Fiscal Year 1962, the Agency would be on a cost-based budget. He stated that the financial management system would be installed by degrees and that once it is fully installed, there would be considerable reduction in record keeping, a consolidation of vouchered and unvouchered reports and considerable reduction and decentralization of allotments. He remarked that the present budgetary system used in government is based on current services plus orders placed and that the cost-based budget amounts to consumer cost.

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